

Look, if these people are so stupid they're going to let us go when we're wanted in Mexico, when we're wanted here and they're going to let us go, just shut up, and let these stupid people let us go.

So they were let go.

It was only a day or two later that the State Department said, You know what? These people are wanted fugitives, and we need to hang onto them.

They're gone and they haven't been found, and they told local law enforcement that they had access to private jets so they could come in and out of the United States when they were ready to.

Well, I hope they find them. As a former prosecutor, as a former judge and chief justice, the law needs to be addressed.

In the meantime, here in Congress, we did have a hearing today with immigration officials, including the inspector general of the immigration service, CIS. I was told during the hearing that if the chairman of our immigration committee will request an investigation, the IG will do that investigation, and I'm hopeful that will be forthcoming.

We've got to clean up this administration's mess. It's bad enough the damage that's being done to Medicare and our seniors. It's bad enough that a payroll tax rate of insurance is being reduced so that there is not enough money to pay Social Security from the Social Security tax coming in again this year and that it may go from an approximately 5 percent shortfall last year to a maybe 14 percent or so shortfall this year. It's bad enough we're doing that to the seniors. It's bad enough what ObamaCare will be doing to the seniors in making it difficult for them to find the care they need in the years to come unless we repeal ObamaCare—but now we have to deal with fugitives coming in from Mexico because they were willing to invest money that the Mexican authorities allege was stolen, embezzled money.

At some point, it is time to stop hurting American citizens who have contributed and who have been law-abiding for their lives. It's time the government became a proper referee and quit trying to divide America, quit trying to be the player, the coach and the referee and got back into the business of making sure Americans are treated fairly, that Americans are protected from outside evil forces—those who want to harm us and destroy our way of life. It's time to get the United States Government back into the business of providing for the common defense, of making sure there is a level playing field, of encouraging competition, not rewarding cronies who have some wild-eyed scheme of something that they call “green energy” while the rest of America can't even fill up their gas tanks.

It is time to do the job that is given to Congress, that is given to the President in the Constitution; and once we

get back to that and concentrate on doing that well, America could make another 200 years.

With that, Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. BLACK). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 54 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BLACK) at 9 o'clock and 29 minutes p.m.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. MOORE (at the request of Ms. PELOSI) for today until 3 p.m. on account of official business in the district.

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

Karen L. Haas, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly enrolled a bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 1162. An act to provide the Quileute Indian Tribe Tsunami and Flood Protection, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. GOHMERT. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 16, 2012, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

5004. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — *Trichoderma virens* strain G-41; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance [EPA-HQ-OPP-2010-0053; FRL-9333-5] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Agriculture.

5005. A letter from the Chief Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Suspension of Community Eligibility for Repealing Its Floodplain Management Regulations [Docket ID: FEMA-2011-0020] received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5006. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration,

transmitting the Administration's final rule — New Worth and Equity Ratio (RIN: 3133-AD87) received January 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5007. A letter from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Corporate Credit Unions (RIN: 3313-AD95) received January 24, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5008. A letter from the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Covered Securities of Bats Exchange, Inc. [Release No.: 33-9295; File No.: S7-31-11] (RIN: 3235-AL20) received January 23, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Financial Services.

5009. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Designation of Areas for Air Quality Planning Purposes; Maryland; Determination of Nonattainment and Reclassification of the Baltimore 1997 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0681-201124; FRL-9625-3] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5010. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nonconformance Penalties for On-highway Heavy Heavy-Duty Diesel Engines [AMS-FRL-9623-8] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5011. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval, Disapproval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; District of Columbia; Regional Haze State Implementation Plan [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0913; FRL-9625-5] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5012. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Virginia; Amendments to Virginia's Regulation Regarding the Sulfur Dioxide National Ambient Air Quality Standard [EPA-R03-OAR-2011-0731; FRL-9625-8] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5013. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; San Joaquin Valley; Attainment Plan for 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0589; FRL-9624-5] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5014. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval of Air Quality Implementation Plans; California; South Coast; Attainment Plan for 1997 8-hour Ozone Standards [EPA-R09-OAR-2011-0622; FRL-9624-6] received January 30, 2012, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

5015. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Amendments to the Queen Conch and Reef Fish Fishery Management Plans of Puerto